

## **Bob Thiele**

### **Division 4 Candidate**



Like most of you I started at an early age with railroad modeling, but I have been a serious modeler for twenty plus years. My interest lies in modular railroad clubs displaying their work to the public. I have taken an active role in the startup of the Austin Model Railway Society. Our mission statement is to introduce the public and future members to Model Railroading. I have several areas of modeling interest, one being scratch building structures of the Santa Fe Railroad. I also build up locomotives from a shell and frame into detailed models. I have set a goal to achieve my MMR certification. I also work in the 1:1 scale railroading on the Austin Steam Train. One of my projects is restoring a 1926 Cotton Belt wooden caboose.

I have been an active participant in the Cen-Tex division since I joined NMRA and want to expand my services to the division. I am presently serving on the NMRA regional Austin Eagle convention committee. My goal is to carry on with the fine work of the previous Director and initiate new programs to enhance the Division. One program would be to make it easier for prospective MMR's to be mentored by MMR's using the Divisions website. I also want to promote the Division Modular group and introduce the public to the world of Model Railroading. We need exposure to the younger generation with the hope that they will be inspired to participate in the hobby.